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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

Arab-Israeli Situation Report
(As of 2:30 p.m. EDT)

EGYPT

1. The Israelis, in the fighting in the Gaza Strip, claim to have captured Khan Yunis, thus cutting off Egyptian and Palestinian troops in the northern part of the Strip. The situation at Abu-Aweigila and Kuntilla, Egyptian towns south of Gaza which were attacked earlier, is obscure. No further reports have been received since the Egyptian claim that the Israeli strike at these towns was repulsed. Cairo radio is now claiming that 14 Israeli pilots have been captured.

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State Department review
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4. The US Consulate in Port Said reported late this afternoon, Egyptian time, that there had been four air raids on the city thus far. There was no damage to American property or injury to the 24 Americans there.

SYRIA

5. Israel has repeatedly struck Mezza airfield near Damascus causing explosions and fire. One Israeli plane may have been shot down, and Damascus claims to have captured an Israeli pilot.

JORDAN

6. King Husayn has informed US officials that the Jordanian air force was wiped out by the Israeli attack on Mafraq Air Base.

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OTHER ARAB STATES

7. In Libya, local security forces in Tripoli have erected barbed wire barriers to protect the US embassy from further attack, and the mobs have been dispersed from the immediate vicinity. Considerable destruction has taken place in the business areas of Tripoli, mostly of foreign or Jewish businesses. One wealthy local Jewish businessman reportedly was shot dead. In Benghazi, the British have advised that it is necessary to evacuate both US/UK embassies. Mobs are still active, so British troops, normally stationed near Benghazi, will assist in the evacuation, if it is approved.

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8. Arab oil-producing countries, meeting in Baghdad, have said that they will stop selling oil to any foreign country which takes part in or supports Israel in the Middle East fighting. Any oil company making oil available to Israel "from any source or in any form" would be subjected to a collective ban in the Arab world.

UNITED NATIONS

9. A Brazilian War Ministry spokesman reportedly has said Brazil may ask the US Sixth Fleet to evacuate from the Gaza Strip the remaining 431 Brazilian troops who had served with the departing UN Emergency Force.

10. At the emergency session of the UN Security Council this morning Israel and Egypt each accused the other of starting the conflict, and the Council then recessed to allow for private consultations. Two resolutions are being discussed -- one calling for a simple ceasefire, the other calling for a ceasefire with a withdrawal of all forces to "previous lines." The Arabs in New York firmly oppose a simple ceasefire. They maintain that the Israelis, now holding Khan Yunis in Gaza, cannot be given such a "reward for aggression." In the UN corridors the Indian delegation, is closely concerting its efforts with the UAR, and so too is the Soviet Union and Bulgaria. However, one of the members of the Soviet delegation this morning told a US official that the US and USSR had to act in this grave situation.

there appears to be a general lack of sympathy for the Israeli position because of previous instances of Israel's noncooperation with some of the UN organizations in the Middle East.

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